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SUBJECT:CIVAIR- CANCELLATION TWA FLIGHTS TO AND FROM ISRAEL

1. ACTING DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR TT(MEADOWS) CALLED IN ISRAELI ECON COUNSELOR RAF TO DISCUSS ACTION OF TRANSPORT MINISTER AND PRESS REPORTS CONCERNING FOREIGN AIRLINES, INCLUDING U.S., DISCONTINUING FLIGHTS DURING CYPRUS CRISIS. MEADOWS EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD CALLED RAF TO REGISTER U.S. CONCERN OVER GOI ACTION AND TO REQUEST THE GOI TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION FACT THAT CLOSING OF GREEK, TURKISH AND CYPRUS AIR SPACE EFFECTIVELY PREVENTED NORMAL OPERATIONS. HE EXPLAINED THAT ATTEMPTS SECURE ALTERNATE ROUTINGS HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL, BECAUSE SUCH ROUTES INVOLVED AIRSPACE CONTROLLED BY COUNTRIES WHO WERE NOT DISPOSED TO GRANT CLEARANCE, GIVEN THE DESTINATION OF FLIGHTS. THEREFORE, TWA SUSPENSION OF FLIGHTS TO ISRAEL WAS DUE FORCE MAJUERE. HE HOPED THAT GOI WOULD ACT TO

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COUNTER UNFAVORABLE ISRAELI PRESS ON THIS QUESTION.

2. MR. JETT(FAA) POINTED OUT THAT TWA, IN SUSPENDING SERVICE, WAS DOING WHAT FAA REGULATIONS REQUIRE(FAA REGULATIONS REQUIRE U.S. AIR CARRIERS TO SUSPEND OPERATIONS WHENEVER KNOWN HAZARDS TO SAFE OPERATION EXIST, SUCH AS NON-EXISTENT AND/OR NON-RELIABLE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SERVICES AND FACILITIES).

3. MEADOWS NOTED THAT EL AL CONTINUED TO OPERATE TO EUROPE BY APPARENTLY IGNORING PRESCRIBED FLIGHT PATHS AND DESIGNATED AIR ROUTES. HE OBSERVED THAT THIS POSED SOME RISK, BUT DECLINED COMMENT FURTHER ON EL AL DECISION.

4. MEADOWS EMPHASIZED THAT REPORTS SUCH AS HAD APPEARED IN PRESS MIGHT BECOME EXAGGERATED IN PUBLIC EYE AND ADVERSELY AFFECT FUTURE OPERATIONS OF U.S. CARRIER. MEADOWS SAID HE HOPED GOI WOULD RECONSIDER ITS ACTION AND MAKE AN APPROPRIATE STATEMENT TO THE PRESS WHICH WOULD EXPLAIN WHY IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR TWA TO OPERATE TO ISRAEL UNDER THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

5. RAF STATED HE WAS UNINFORMED ON SUBJECT BUT WOULD REPORT THIS CONVERSATION TO GOI IMMEDIATELY AND WOULD CONTACT MEADOWS AS SOON AS REPLY RECEIVED. RAF QUESTIONED IF ANY FLIGHTS AT ALL WERE OPERATING FROM EUROPE TO EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, MENTIONING RUMOR THAT SWISSAIR WAS OPERATING TO BEIRUT. MEADOWS NOTED THAT PAN AM SERVICE TO BEIRUT WAS SUSPENDED AT PRESENT.

6. SUGGEST AMBASSADOR FOLLOW ABOVE LINE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER.

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